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Multi-million pound medical facility to revolutionise Shoeburyness

NEW CENTRE FOR HEALTH

By Michael Cox

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A NEW multi-million pound health centre is to be developed within Shoebury Garrison.

Following an assessment of potential locations by residents associations, experts from the NHS and partners, a vacant plot of land opposite Hinguar Primary School in New Garrison Road was selected for the site.

A spokesman for Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which has drawn up the proposals, said that the site was the only one large enough for the scale of the planned development.

Melanie Craig, CCG chief officer, said: "There is a great need for a new health centre in Shoeburyness and I am very pleased that by identifying a preferred site we have now brought this development another step closer.

"We have been discussing these plans with local residents and ward councillors since last year, and I am extremely grateful for their time and input throughout. "The team tasked with agreeing the preferred site included representatives from both residents' associations, and it agreed the land at New Garrison Road was the best option. I look forward to continuing to work with the community as we move this project forward."

The two practices operating from the current Shoebury Health Centre will move into the new building when it opens.

The NHS will discuss with other practices about the opportunity to relocate to the new building, and will work with residents to see

what other health and social care services might be delivered from the centre.

The CCG is now working on the business case and there will be a further update at its public governing body meeting in October.

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Harry Chandler, Shoeburyness
Residents' Association chair, said:
"I am delighted that at last real
progress is being made to provide
the people of Shoeburyness with a
comprehensive and accessible
health centre, in line with the
others that have been built in the
borough."







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Woman found locked inside shop she robbed drinking vodka

years after she locked herself inside the convenience store she had just robbed and began drinking vodka.

Justine Roberts, 41, of East Street,

Southend, was arrested when police arrived and found her inside the East Street Convenience Store.

Minutes earlier she had entered the store, threatened a male cashier with a 12-inch kitchen knife and ordered him

to hand over cash and alcohol. She "helped herself" to a bottle of

vodka, cigarettes and a two-figure sum of cash from the till.

When the victim left the store, she remained inside, locked the doors and

began drinking the vodka.

The cashier, a man in his 30s from the Southend area, flagged down a passing car and asked the driver to call the police.

A force spokesman said: "Officers arrived to find Roberts inside the store drinking vodka. "She was arrested on suspicion of

Roberts pleaded guilty at Basildon Crown Court last week and was sentenced to two years and four months in prison.

She was also ordered to pay a £120 victim surcharge.

DC Andy Coles, of Southend CID, said: "Justine Roberts went to the convenience store that day having planned what she was going to do.

"She wore a beanie hat, which she pulled down over her eyes in an



attempt to disguise her face, and took a kitchen knife from home, with which to threaten the shop assistant.

"The assistant was unharmed but

left extremely shaken by this incident. "I hope Roberts's time behind bars gives her time to think about the con-

Biker in hospital after crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a serious road collision on the A127 in Southend.

The crash was in Prince Avenue just after 9pm on Tuesday, August 16.

A 48-year-old man riding an orange Suzuki motorbike suffered serious injuries and remains in the Royal London Hospital.

A black Mercedes is believed to have been involved in the collision.

Two men – aged 20 and 28 – plus a 42-year-old woman, all from Southend, were arrested on suspicion of driving offences and for failing to stop at the scene of a collision.

They have been bailed pending further police enquiries until Sunday, October 9.

Police particularly want to speak to the driver of a white van who may have witnessed the collision.

Anybody who can help is asked to contact PC Mark Davis at Chigwell roads policing team on 101.



TWO YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS:

Drug dealers locked up after being busted with crack cocaine and heroin

TWO drug dealers have been put behind bars for a total of more than five years

Maxwell Phair, 20, and Daryl Brown, 51, were arrested after officers from Operation Raptor executed a warrant at an address in Haygate Avenue, Southend, on May 18.

Thirty-nine wraps of class A drugs, 16 of heroin and 23 of crack cocaine, were seized.

Phair, of Rochford Road, Southend, was charged with three counts of being concerned in the supply of heroin and three of being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Daryl Brown, 51, of Kursaal Way, Southend, was charged with two counts of being concerned in the supply of heroin and being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Both admitted all the offences and

were sentenced at Basildon Crown Court on Thursday, August 18.

Phair was given three years and four months in a young offenders' institu-tion and made the subject of a fiveyear Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO). Brown was jailed for two years and four months and also made the subject of a five-year CBO.

The orders ban them from contacting each other and possessing more than one mobile phone.

Detective Constable Deborah Williams, from the serious and organBrown have been brought to justice as a result of CID and the Operation Raptor Team in the South LPA work-

ing together.
"Drug dealing ruins lives and impacts on the community.

I hope this case helps to reassure residents that we are not ignoring the issue and will continue to work to bring to justice those who deal drugs in Essex.

"Much of our work is intelligence led so we would ask anyone with information about drug dealing where the live to tell us by calling 101 or passing the information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."



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A-level results leave Essex top of the class

STUDENTS from across south Essex collected their A-level results last Thursday, August 19th.

Teens from South Essex College's campuses in Southend, Basildon and Thurrock visited its Luker Road building from 9am to learn their fate.

The college secured an overall 96 per cent pass rate

Principal Angela O'Donoghue CBE said: "We're really pleased with our results, with a huge proportion of students securing places at their chosen universities.

Two other local colleges – Palmer's, in Grays, and Seevic, in Benfleet – scored even higher.

Palmer's secured a 97 per cent overall pass rate and 100 per cent in 20 of its subjects. The college said 32 per cent of its passes were with A*, A or B grades.
Headteacher Mark Vinall said: "This

is an excellent set of results and I congratulate our wonderful students and staff on their outstanding achievements.'

Seevic fared even better, securing a 99 per cent overall pass rate and 100 per cent in 33 subjects.

Principal Dan Pearson said: "These excellent results show the outstanding progress our students have made. It is testament to their dedication and the high level of commitment from our staff.





schools across the county were congratulated by Essex Council after achieving a 98 per cent pass rate.

Billericay's Mayflower High

School was "thrilled" with a 99 per cent pass rate, while Southend High School for Boys matched its best ever combined A-level and AS-level results, with 76 per cent of students achieving grades of A*, A or B.

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Council: Well done everyone!'

25.8 per cent, with 98.4 per cent of all grades being A*- E

Cllr James Courtenay, execachievements

"On behalf of the council, I would like to wish them all the very best as they now prepare for the next stage in their life, be it with further education,

searching for an alternative course or going through university clearing, I am confident that they will be supported in their search and in finding a course that is right for them.



SOUTHEND Council has congratulated the borough's A-level students after initial figures showed they had beaten the average pass rate nationally.

Indicative results showed 29.6 per cent of students gained A* or A grades, compared to national figures of grade, above the national equivalent of 98.1 per cent.

utive councillor for children and learning, said: "Well done to all of our local young people on their A-level

training or in the workplace.

"For those who are still

He added that the council was "as committed as ever" to providing the borough's schools with the support needed to give pupils the best pos sible education.

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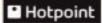
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THOUSANDS of people lined Southend seafront to celebrate this year's carnival.

Staff from the *Yellow Advertiser* joined in the fun and took part in the which started Southchurch Park and wound its way to The Arches at Shorefield Road, on Saturday, August 20.

YA staff dressed up as bumblebees, with T-shirts printed by Ilford company Digipix, to raise money for Southend YMCA.

Bridge Paintwork joined the YA in the carnival procession, driving a bright yellow Humvee, which car-ried bags of lollipops and stickers for our bumblebees to dish out to the cheering crowds.
Sir David Amess, Conservative

MP for Southend West, attended the beginning of the carnival, while

greeted participants as they crossed the finish line.

Floats, majorettes and marching bands battled high winds during the procession along the seafront, although the rain held off until towards the end.

Photographer Mark Cleveland took these photographs during the



















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The research, carried out by property website Rightmove, asked residents to rate where they live based on 12 happiness factors, with almost 24,000 people taking part.

Leigh scored highly for community spirit and a strong sense of belonging, with the town topping the list for good access to sports and arts activities, along with opportunities to develop a range of skills.

The 12 factors in the study ranged from how friendly the neighbours are and how much people can be themselves, to the quality of local services.

Councillor John Lamb, leader of Southend Council, said: "This is brilliant news. We all know what a fantastic place Leigh is to live, and so it is wonderful to have this recognised nationally by the very people that live here.
"Leigh really does have

am not surprised this makes local people happy. I know many residents who work in the city and they cannot wait to get back in the evenings and to be here at the weekend because of what the town has to offer."

Cllr Lamb added that whilst the town had grown in recent vears, it had maintained its community feel with numerous cultural and community events such as the Regatta, the Folk Festival and Leigh Art trail.



Go yellow with air ambulance

ESSEX Air Ambulance is calling on everyone to "go yellow" next month as part of an awareness campaign.

The life-saving charity has launched the campaign to coincide with National Air Ambulance Week, which runs from September 19-25.

Schools, businesses and other groups across

the county have been encouraged to hold yellow-themed events to mark the occasion and raise funds for the charity

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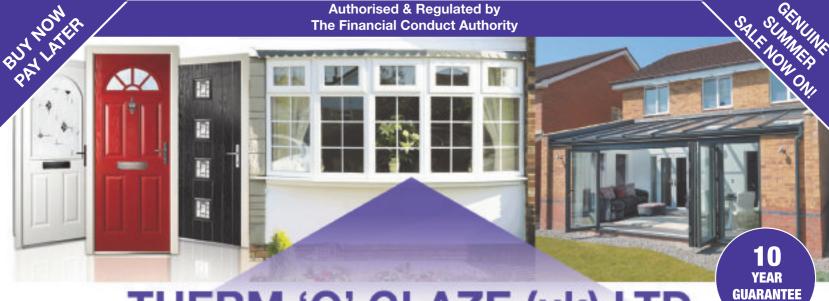
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Flood drill at Shoeburyness

SOLDIERS were deployed to Shoeburyness to practice how they would work alongside civil authorities to ward off the threat of coastal flooding.

The 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment (1 R ANGLIAN) was alerted in the early hours on Wednesday August 17 to a fictional tidal surge threatening to flood parts of East Anglia, with civil authorities requesting assistance to bolster sea defences.

The unit checked and loaded equipment and set off from its barracks in Woolwich.

On arrival in Shoeburyness, the soldiers worked with staff from Southend Council and the Environment Agency to practice putting up a 200-metre demountable flood barrier in Gunner's Park.

Gunner's Park.
Captain Adam Peters, commanding officer of A (Norfolk)
Company 1 R ANGLIAN, said: "We were ordered to deploy with a minimum of warning to carry out a task that was totally new to us.

"It has been a great team effort and good practice in case our support is ever needed in the future."

Keith Holden, the council's emergency planning manager,



Soldiers from 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment assemble a flood barrier in Gunner's Park, Shoeburyness

added: "We are pleased to be able to support the Army by providing a location for this exercise. We work closely with our partners, such as the Army, blue light services and the Environment Agency, to plan and rehearse our response to emergency scenarios.

"Whilst we all hope that we will never have to put these plans into action, they help us ensure that we will be able to protect residents and businesses, and respond quickly and effectively, should the worst happen."

The snap deployment, called Exercise Proteus, was designed as a final confirmation of 1 R ANGLIAN's readiness to take on the role of UK Standby Battalion.

The battalion, known as the Vikings and which recruits from Essex, will now be held at high readiness to support civilian authorities dealing with a natural disaster or major incident.



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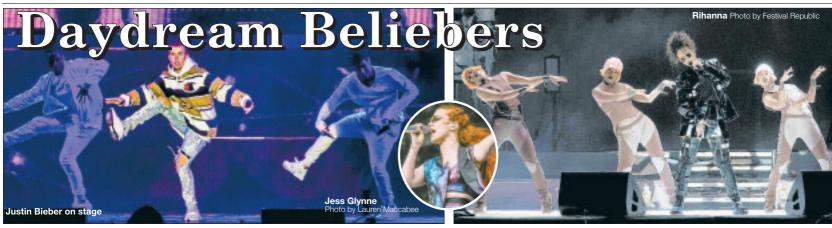
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More than 100 artists performed across six stages, including Little Mix, Sia, Tinie Tempah, Bastille, Faithless, Kaiser Chiefs and Rick Astley. Now in its 21st year, the festival featured a BBC

Now in its 21st year, the festival featured a BBC Radio 1 dance stage for the first time and there were surprise performances by Craig David, Bebe Rexha and MNEK.

Celebrities in the audience included former JLS singer Aston Merrygold, his ex-bandmate Marvin Humes, Marvin's wife and Saturdays singer Rochelle Humes and Mark Wright from TV's Towie.

Essex Police patrolled the festival and made 43 arrests and removed 133 people.

Assistant Chief Constable Carl O'Malley said: "This year we introduced Project Servator to the event and I'm really pleased with the overall success of the policing operation. The innovative tactics made the festival an uncomfortable environment for criminals to operate in and it's something we'll definitely adopt next year.

"This was the second year where a Public Space Protection order was enforced to combat antisocial behaviour and use of psychoactive substances. As a result, 133 people were ejected from the festival, sending our a clear message that these drugs are not tolerated."

Anybody who was a victim of crime at V Festival should call Essex Police on 101.

Woman sexually assaulted on way home from show

A POLICE investigation has been launched after a young woman was sexually assaulted on her way home from V Festival.

The victim, in her 20s, was approached by a man driving a dark Mondeo as she walked home along Greenbury Way, Chelmsford, between 9.30pm and 10.30pm on Saturday, August 20.

The woman got into the car, believing it was a taxi, but was driven a short distance before the man attacked her. She escaped and raised the alarm.

DS Danny Cooper said: "I would advise people to be vigilant when travelling alone and to ensure they only use taxis from companies they have contacted themselves or they have found at authorised taxi ranks. Any authorised taxi service will display a plate on the rear of the vehicle and a licence containing a photograph of the driver inside the vehicle. If either of these are not on display then play it safe and don't get in."

Anyone with information can contact DS Cooper on 101. Alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

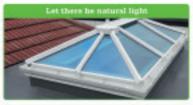
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NATIONAL charity RSPB has said it objected to plans for a new deep water jetty on Canvey due to Oikos' failure to assess its impact on globally and internationally important numbers of wading

Castle Point Council approved the plans earlier this month, which include the demolition and replacement of 12 storage tanks. The jetty will accommodate vessels up to and including 120,000 deadweight tonnage tankers.

An RSPB spokesman said the site is between internationally important and protected sites – the Thames Estuary and Marshes Special Protection Area (SPA), Southend and Benfleet SPA and Holehaven Creek Site of Special Scientific Interest.

He added that they had been allocated primarily because they are home to globally significant numbers of wintering black-tailed godwits, around nine per cent of the world's population of Icelandic race of the species roost in Holehaven

The sites also support important numbers of other winter waders who feed on mudflats in the

estuary where the jetty would be located.

The RSPB said a survey of birds that use the mudflats should have been carried out to assess the importance of the mudflats and the potential impact of the development.

DEVELOPMENT: The Oikos site, Haven Road, Canvey Photo by Martin Dalton

Conservation officer Mark Nowers said: "The RSPB always looks to ensure that any large developments close to important wildlife sites are subject to assessment of their potential impact on the species and habitats of these valu-

able places. "Holehaven Creek is an incredibly important site for black-tailed godwits. The lack of development in the creek and its relatively undisturbed

nature makes it a magnet for thousands of birds. "The RSPB will always challenge councils to make the best decisions so that our most important wildlife sites are conserved and enhanced."

An Oikos spokesman said: "As part of the planning application Oikos conducted full environmental assessments based on the maximum number of birds that could potentially use the Special Protection Areas. The timing of construction activity was planned according to that information. This approach was accepted by Natural England who are one of the statutory consultees on environmental issues.

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Schools in sex stats shocker

Claims made against children aged four, five and six

By Charles Thomson

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CHILDREN as young as four have been investigated by police for alleged sexual offences in Essex schools.

The revelation came as Essex Police published details of all alleged rapes and sexual assaults in the county's schools since 2011/12.

The force released the data after a charity took legal action under the Freedom of Information Act.

Records showed 133 alleged offences were reported, but in 60 percent of cases police were ultimately unable to detect any

Charges were only brought in five cases and cautions were recorded in two others, while four resulted in a summons or postal requisition.

The data revealed two allegations were made against fouryear-olds in 2014/15, one against a five-year-old and

three against a six-year-old. In total, 27 allegations have been made against primary school-aged children in the last four years. Figures showed 69

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allegations were made in primary schools, compared to 64 in secondary schools. The data also revealed that allegations were more than three times more likely to be made against a student than a teacher.

One allegation was recorded against an "entertainer" and the oldest alleged perpetrator 75. Between 2011/12 an

and 2014/15, the number of allegations in Essex schools more than tripled from 18 to 60, but in 29 of the 2014/15 cases police could not detect any

Details of the cases were released following a demand by children's charity International.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "In all sexual offence cases involving adult perpetra-tors we will always seek to charge and convict.

"In line with guidance from the National Police Chiefs' Council, we do not want young people and children to be crim-

inalised unnecessarily.
"We deal with each young person in the most appropriate way depending on their circumstances and each case is

assessed individually.
"If, for example, a child has been involved in 'sexting' at school then it may be more appropriate for their behaviour to be dealt with in an alternative way, for example, educating them and their parents, and/or intervention from social care or the youth offending team, to prevent that behaviour from continuing.

"Equally, if a child suspect has been a previous victim of a sexual offence themselves then prosecution may not be in any-

"In addition to the NPCC guidance, we have also significantly improved the way in we record sexual offences

"An offence of 'sexting' will be recorded despite the fact that, for the reasons outlined, it may not result on a conviction or charge.
"This will undoubtedly have a

negative impact on our solved rate for sexual offences, but Essex Police must ensure offences involving children are dealt with proportionately and that youngsters are not unnecessarily criminalised.'

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FIVE cars were seized and 55 people dealt with for not wearing a seatbelt during a road safety operation in Southend.

Police officers from the casualty reduction unit worked with colleagues Safer Essex Partnership on Tuesday, August 16, to detect offenders and increase road safety.

Plate Automatic Number Recognition Technology (ANPR) was used to identify suspect vehicles which were then intercepted by officers on motorbikes and taken to stopcheck sites on Nestuda Way and Southchurch Road, Southend.

During the operation, 20 drivers were dealt with for using a mobile phone behind the wheel and three were found to be driving otherwise

Police admit frustration as 55 motorists caught driving without seatbelts

Cars seized in road safety blitz and drivers dealt with for invalid MOTs, no insurance and using mobile phones

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Sixteen vehicles did not have valid

MOTs, including one for which the MOT had expired in 2014, while five vehicles were seized because their drivers did not have appropriate insurance. Four drivers were dealt with for careless driving.

Two vehicles were found to have such serious defects that the drivers were issued with prohibition notices and stopped from travelling any further until the issues were resolved.

Sgt Dave Rudd, from the casualty reduction unit, said: "We have been running these operations for many vears, vet I am still astounded and frustrated by the number of drivers who refuse to wear a seatbelt.

"I cannot understand why they make this choice. Seatbelts exist for a reason - they save lives. It's as simple as

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Advantages of solar street lights

THE topic of Essex County Council (ECC) switching off street lighting between midnight and 5am on Sundays and 1am and 5am the rest of the week is not going away.

There are constant calls in areas like Basildon and Canvey, where crime figures are higher and in other areas for various safety issues, to

keep them on all night.

Most councils like Southend are changing to cheap-to-run LED lights, whereas ECC spent a lot of money installing timer control panels that will probably never pay for them-

I now believe this issue will eventually disappear, as solar street lighting will eliminate it.

I first noticed a number of them this year in the USA and if you Google "solar street lighting" you will find there are plenty of manufacturers making them.

The advantages are great as there are no wiring costs, no digging up the road to lay cables and no electricity costs to run them, just the possible replacement of the long life lamps and rechargeable batter-

The modern solar cells are powerful enough to keep the low power LED lamps on all night, even in the winter.

Changing to solar would not only save ECC a few hours of electric during the night but

the rest of the night-time hour as well. I have no idea what ECC is doing about this issue at the moment but it should now at least be running solar street lighting trials.

Alan James

Seeing red at inaction over traffic lights

FOLLOWING David Batley's letter last week regarding the Kent Elms junction, while it is good to see that pedestrian safety measures are being put in place, I am very concerned that no report or article con-cerning the Kent Elms redevelopment appears to specifically mention a change in the

sequence of the traffic lights. Southend Council has for years and years ignored, and refused to alter, the near suici-dal and frustrating direction of traffic across the A127 such as from Eastwood Road and from Bridgewater Drive.

In my opinion it would be totally insane to spend money on this junction without a change in the traffic lights which should emulate the sequence found at The Bell junction.

As Mr Batley comments traffic using this junction has increased immensely over the last few years. I would like to see more information about the redevelopment – specifically the traffic lights.

Pamela Russell Leigh-on-Sea

Phone thief had second thoughts...

MAY I, through your newspaper, convey my heartfelt thanks to the kind person who took my mobile phone in Costa Coffee at Southend Hospital on Monday August 15, but had a change of heart two days later (on learning that I am very old with my wife in hospital).

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Steve Rowe, Leigh-on-Sea

Corporate elite destroy democracy

IS the truth beginning to dawn upon the British voting public?
We now learn that during the

Parliamentary recess there will be no legislation restricting sugar and junk foods to counter obesity and diabetes, preferring to rely on suspect voluntary action by industry.

Just to temper your anger that our loved ones are left at mortal risk, we are told that food industry employment could be hit – no mention of Rupert Murdoch's Sky advertising otherwise suffering.

However, this action is just a

symptom of the continuing destruction of democracy we are witnessing.

The corporate elite spend

millions employing lobby groups and think tanks to usurp the best interests of the public.

Politicians of all parties prostitute their professed prin-ciples to get rich quick and some 80 percent of the media, including the supposedly impartial BBC, sing from their song sheet.

Consequently state organisa-

tions, particularly the NHS, and smaller businesses are weakened in the interest of partial or total privatisation so devastating our way of life and

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It is not Jeremy Corbyn, but what he represents that they spend millions to defeat.

It is socialism that would trim their excesses.

Les Harrington

Litter pick makes park sparkle

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Clir Helen Boyd Blenheim Park ward

Help shed more light on cottage

BASILDON Council intends putting Elizabeth Cottage in Billericay up for auction in the near future, although nothing

has been put in place as such. Through my research and many hours freezing to death in the Chelmsford records building (you must wear a fur coat if you go there) the cottage is shown on records going back to 1659, and applied for

a yearly lease paid in 1704. The Quakers used the building as a meeting house and burial ground.

The property is described as freehold with an outhouse, the cottage was said to belong to John Cole and had been occupied by a widow prior to it having been recently demol-ished and rebuilt in brick at the time the Quakers moved in

They stayed until 1714 and moved to another property in Great Burstead.

I can find no record of the graves being removed.
In a book about Billericay's

history it was stated that a Royal Oak beer house was on this site, although I can't find anything as yet to back this

up.
I did find an advert in a newspaper dated March 3 1848 putting the cottage up for auction.

It is our hope to try and get this cottage grade two listed, so if anyone out there can shed any light in helping us save the cottage I would be very grateful to hear from you.

Bob Reeves **Billericay Society**

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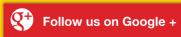


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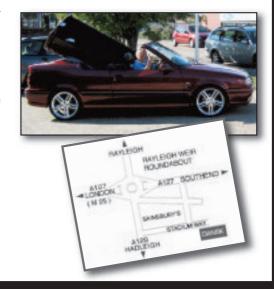
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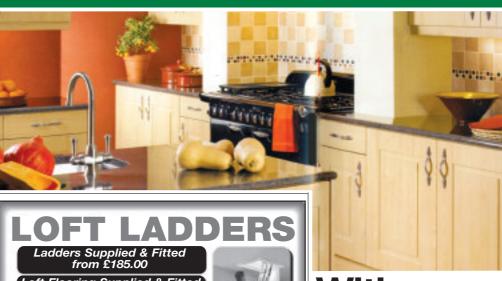
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By Liz Wade

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HE highly acclaimed Russian State Opera returns to Towngate Theatre in October with a mix of fierce passion and gorgeous melodies.

Carmen will take to the stage at the Basildon theatre on Thursday, October 6, as part of a national tour.

The production, which is sung in French with English subtitles, features a cast accompanied by a live orchestra of more than 30 musicians

Feel the thrill and passion of love, jealousy and violence in 19th century Seville in one of Bizet's

most popular pieces.
Its mix of passion and nail-biting dramatic confrontations and musical wit has found favour all over the world, almost since its first performance in 1875.

The opera tells the story of the downfall of Don José, a naïve soldier who is seduced by Carmen, a free-spirited femme fatale.

José abandons his childhood sweetheart and deserts from his military duties, yet loses Carmen's love to the glamorous toreador Escamillo.

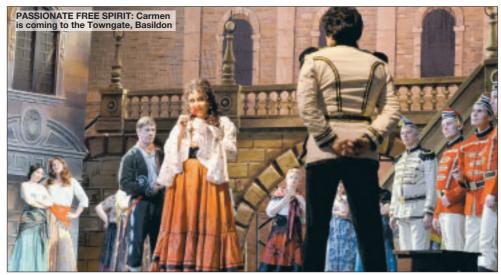
The music of Carmen has been widely acclaimed for its brilliance of melody, harmony, atmosphere and orchestration, and for the skill with which Bizet represented, musically, the emotions and suf-fering of his characters.

The Toreador Song is among the best known of all operatic arias.

The rich and colourful vigour of the gypsies' scenes will have you on the edge of your seat, and the enthusiasm and intensity of the performance will reverberate long after the final curtain.

If you have never tried opera before, you will love this full orchestra experience with fantastic colourful costumes, exquisite singing and wonderful tunes that you will be humming on the way

Amande Concerts, producer of The Russian State Ballet and Opera House, is a company dedicated to delivering productions of



the highest quality to British and

European audiences.
With more than 15 years' experience, they specialise in promoting Russian culture and aim to bring a variety of shows from the most popular repertoire of classical ballet and opera to audiences.

Over the years they have entertained audiences in London and all over the UK with performances from world class dancers and

Since 2001 they have presented

ballets Swan Lake, the Nutcracker, Giselle, Romeo and Juliet, Sleeping Beauty, Don Quixote and operas such as Carmen, La Traviata, Madama Butterfly, La Boheme and Rigoletto, as well as shows like Big Ballet, Russian Cossacks and

many more.
Russian State Ballet and Opera House will bring more than 100 performances to theatres across the UK as part of an autumn opera and ballet season.

As well as Bizet's Carmen they will perform another classic opera, Puccini's Madama Butterfly, and the great Tchaikovsky ballet triple bill of The Nutcracker, Swan Lake and Sleeping Beauty.

Alexej Ignatow, producer of The Russian State Ballet and Opera House, said: "Dedicated to innovation as well as quality, the Russian State Ballet and Opera House has been presenting ballets and operas to huge audiences for over 14 years.

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"Unlike many other companies that travel to Europe with ballet and opera productions, we only work with established theatres in

work with established theatres in the Russian Federation. "These theatres have many years of experience and, most importantly, they have an established stable of directors and conductors who have graduated from the best artistic institutions in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

"When you see our logo you can be certain about the quality of the production.

"We are constantly on the lookout for new challenges and to ensure that our opera and ballet audience get a chance to experi-ence a wide spectrum of various classic pieces.

"Opera and ballet is often thought to be 'difficult' and elitist, but this is not so.

"Both forms are timeless and, like any art, they need to be presented in an accessible and attractive way to the audience. This is why we feel it is so impor-

tant to present our productions in a classical, traditional style that is familiar to all.

"With extensive national tours that get our productions seen the length and breadth of the country, we are able to offer regional audience an unforgettable experience at a fraction of the price charged by major theatres without sacrificing quality.
"So, it is very close to my heart

to continue working with national theatres to deliver top quality pro-ductions every year and making new converts wherever we go.

"No experience is needed to enjoy these classics. The set and costumes, an informative programme and subtitles [for opera] make the productions easy to follow and enjoy."

For further information and tickets to see Carmen at Towngate Theatre, Basildon, on Thursday, October 6, call the box office on 01268 465465 or visit www.town-

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WAR DOGS (15, 114 mins)

ASED on an article in Rolling Stone magazine and a subsequent book, War Dogs heavily dramatises the true story of two enterprising twentysomethings, who became multi-millionaires as arms dealers to the US military.

Director Todd Phillips, master-

Director Todd Phillips, mastermind of The Hangover films, and co-writer Jason Smilovic don't let the truth get in the way of spinning an entertaining yarn.

an entertaining yarn.
They embellish the jaw-dropping rags-to-riches narrative with a hare-brained chase through the notorious Triangle of Death to the south of Baghdad, and some fizzing one-liners, which are used as chapter headings to bookmark each stage of the journey.

Miles Teller and Jonah Hill, who garnered numerous awards for their eye-catching work in Whiplash and The Wolf of Wall Street respectively, are an incendiary double-act.

They clamber over various obstacles thrown in their characters' paths and brazenly wisecrack in the face of death.

Phillips' film opens with TV news footage from the war in Iraq in 2008. "I see 17,000 dollars," explains massage therapist David Packouz (Teller). "That's what it costs to

outfit an American soldier."

Narrating his own extraordinary story, David introduces us to his wife Iz (Ana de Armas), with whom

he hopes to raise a family by selling bed sheets to local care homes.

His get-rich-quick scheme

flops and David is reluctant to tell his spouse that the boxes of bedding cluttering up their apartment are not their golden ticket to a brighter future.

At this low ebb, David meets his

At this low ebb, David meets his friend Efraim Diveroli (Hill), who has discovered a website which lists contracts that the US military needs to be fulfilled.

"When life kicked me, I stayed down. But Efraim? He kicked

b a c k , "
gushes David, who
agrees to become
a partner in this
shadowy yet highly
lucrative business.

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The buddies tender for a massive munitions contract with the help of infamous dealer Henry Girard (Bradley Cooper) and underbid by 53 million dollars.

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David travels to Albania to fulfil the contract, aided by his driver Bashkim (JB Blanc), who knows which palms to grease.

When David questions the

morality of the b u s i n e s s, which he keeps secret from Iz, Efraim immediately hits back.

"This isn't about being pro-war," he counsels David. "It's about being pro-money."

Bolstered by strong performances from the two leads, War Dogs is an engrossing and frequently uproarious comedy of errors.

Phillips and Smilovic's script short

changes the

supporting characters:
Iz exists solely to prick David's conscience with her fleeting words of wisdom.

Jonah Hill as Efraim Diveroli, second right, and Miles Teller as David Packouz, far right

However, they do craft some big laughs like when the buddies visit a weapons expo in Las Vegas and David pithily describes the event as "Comic-Con with grenades".

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ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219 /542349

Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The legacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60

Megacentre, 7 Brook Hoad, Hayleigh, £3.61 per session.

■ Weekly Craft Group - Casis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.

■ Social Dance - 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.

■ Scrabble Club - Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.

■ Evening of Clairvovance - St Cecilia's

Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh on Sea, 7.15pm,

■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.

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Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.

Tea Dance – Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription just come along or call 017002.

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■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12,45-2,30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

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61050/466827.
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

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Singles Social Group – The Mews,
Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park,
Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus -

South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if

Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.
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■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9-45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 0.1702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 0.1702 478691 5.25141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots – Vange Gommunity Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years old. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, August 31

Al-Anon meeting – Worried about some-one else's drinking? Al-Anon international, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience in order to solve their common problems. 7:30-9pm, All Saints Church, 1 Sutton Road, Southend, SS2 5PA.

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I Hatha Yoga Class – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh, 9:30-11am. 01702 552260.

Soulpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tutition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.

Line dancing lessons – 12:30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.

Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, small friendly olub, 7:30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.

Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre,

Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church
 Hall, located behind the church, 109
 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm,
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On the Saturday, visitors can hold 15-minute consultations with celebrity experts from TV property programmes including Charlie Luxton, who presents Building the Dream on More 4, and Julia Kendell from BBC's DIY SOS and ITV's 60 Minute Makeover and Rebuild Our Home.

more information and tickets, which cost £12 or £18 on the door, with children under 16 getting in for free, call 0871 231 0824 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) or go to www.homebuildingshow.co.uk/london.

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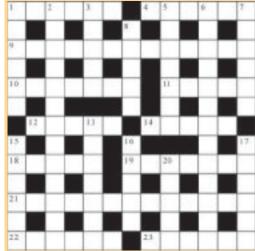
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QUICK CLUES ACROSS

1. Follow-up (6)

4. Support (6) 9. Characteristic (13)

10. Duchy (7)

11. Lighter (5) 12. Try (5)

23. Wrote (6)

14. Storehouse (5)

18. Firearm (5) 19. Shorten (7)

21. Inconsistency (13)

Last week's solutions

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Deliributors; 7 Ranks; 8 Lithe; 9 Cow; 10 Dintibutors; 7 Ranks; 8 Lithe; 9 Cow; 17 Sea; 18 Caged; 19 Close; 21 Round the bend.

Caged; 19 Close; 21 Round the bend.

Ratio; 6 Getting ahead; 7 Rows; 10 Untrodden; 13 Issue; 14 Mascot; 16 Knglo; 20 Ore.

22. Urae (6)

DOWN

Brawl (6)

2. Like lightning (5,2,1,5) 3. Alleviated (5)

5. Bible story (7) 6. Insertion (13)

Voucher (6) 8. Garden ornament (5)

13. Vindicator (7) 15. Day nursery (6)

20. Uplift (5)

16. Fragment (5) 17. Skinned (6)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

What those who are busy boxing do Showing composure, one adopted

an attitude outside (6) Talks over sanctions having broken

down (13) 10. Petroleum and bitumen found near

the outcrop (4-3) 11. Change the place for the marriage, we hear (5)

12. Barker gets a degree in theological doctrine (5)

14. You'll find more in saddles holding 18. Inventories in which the lancers

could be seen (5)
19. I'm over the hill and a stalemate

results (7) 21. Old Testament philosophy that entails the mutual destruction of seers? (2, 3, 3, 2, 3)

22. Attempts the works of Lamb (6) 23. Repository for service clothing (6)

Accompany a coster on the move (6)
 It may well be lost in the operations

3. Exhausted river bird found in the

5. Move more quickly, but not in step (7)
6. Describing crumbly, well-sugared pastry (5,3,5)

Wish to hide one among the tangled reeds (6) 8. The practice of deriving great interest

from making advances (5)

13. The dominance of Mr Yates, maybe

16. A piece of embroidery makes an unusual topic (5)

17. It's only my reel that's become twisted (6) 20. A smoother means of travel (5)

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Contacted: 17 Ethnic; 12 Schoel; 15 Eat; 10

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Maniac; 16 Gorse; 20 Bus.



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NE the area's most popular Greek restau-rants has attracted a growing fanbase since opening its doors more than 10 years ago and it is easy to see why.
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The Akropolis Meze, available for two or more people, is ideal for parties as the menu is meant to be lingered over.

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The mouth-watering food is not the only Akropolis attraction - the restaurant also produces a good line in live music on most days through the week.

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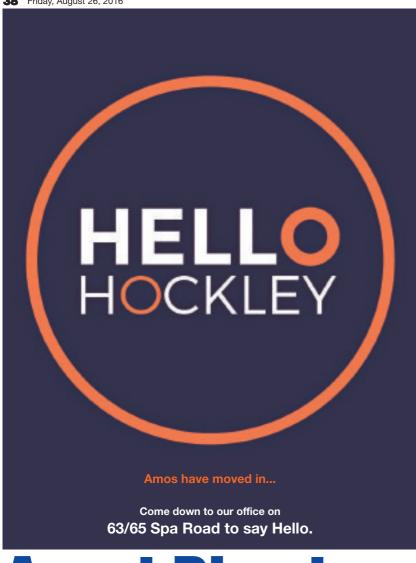












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By Edward Stephens

BMW has always gone to great lengths to extol the virtues of rear wheel drive cars, rigidly sticking to the same formula for its saloons.

But the German luxury car maker also prides itself on automotive advancement so with the launch of its new 2-Series Active Tourer petrol/electric hybrid the time was right to do something different.

This generously proportioned, spacious family car is powered by a 1.5-litre, 134bhp, three cylinder petrol engine driving the front wheels and an 88bhp electric motor driving the rear ones.

It means that at times the car is driven by the engine, at times by the electric motor and often by a combination of the two giving it all the benefits of four-wheel-drive.

BMW claims the car is capable of up to 141 miles per gallon, while at the same time keeping CO2 levels down to just 46g/km, a hefty bonus to company car drivers as well as avoiding road tax.

As a multi-purpose vehicle this car was never going to be as sleek as most BMWs but the high stance and slightly domed roof do give a particularly spacious feel to the interior even when there are five people travelling.

In contrast the rally-style front seats in black with contrasting red saddle stitching,



a leather-look dashboard with the same stitching and piano black inserts on the dashboard and doors give the inside a distinctly sporting appearance.

And while it is an MPV it's one with attitude, accelerating to 62 miles per hour in 6.7 seconds.

In practice it feels even quicker, particularly if you have selected sports mode and initial take-off is particularly quick, making it ideal at busy roundabouts and junctions.

The 225ex is also a very easy car to drive, highly manoeuvrable and with pin sharp steering.

It features a six-speed automatic gearbox which you can use in normal drive mode, in sport or manually.

To get the full benefits you need to be

lo get the full benefits you need to be able to plug in and re-charge the car regularly but the engine and braking does generate some battery power so you are unlikely to ever be without total battery back up.

Like all similar hybrids the switch from battery to petrol power is seamless and only really obvious when the rev counter bursts into life or if you are in a particularly quiet area and you hear the engine cut in. This is a car which is very well equipped and easy to live with thanks to features such as a head up display, powered tailgate and electric heated front seats with memory settings,

Unlike on some hybrids there is a sensible sized boot as BMW has managed to fit the lithium-ion battery under the rear seat rather than under the luggage area so you get 400 litres of space with the rear seatbacks in place.

There is no doubt that the Sport Active Tourer 225ex is a far more rewarding car to drive than I expected, but the only real problem is the price.

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GOAL: Bristol Rovers take the lead at Roots Hall

Football

Southend United 1 **Bristol Rovers 1** Brian Jeeves reporting from Roots Hall Stadium

A LATE penalty from Simon Cox earned Southend United a share of the spoils from this lacklustre affair.

Blues went into the game looking to build on a superb 3-0 success over much fancied Sheffield United. Manager Phil Brown made one change from his start-ing line-up, with David Mooney replacing Nile Ranger, who had picked up an ankle injury.

On a blustery afternoon it was Blues who started the brighter. Stephen McLaughlin's effort

from distance was wayward, while Cox was a whisker away from a telling contact with Jason Demetriou's centre.

Demetriou and Luke O'Neil were giving Rovers plenty of cause for concern with their early raids down the right flank. Ellis Harrison offered the first

sign of a response, but his low drive did little to trouble Blues goalkeeper Mark Oxley.
The game had already become

flat. James Clarke fired wide from distance after a sustained but unproductive spell from the visitors, while O'Neil warmed the gloves of former Blues keeper Steve Mildenhall after a sweeping move down the right.

Just before the break Ollie

Clarke tested Oxley's resolve with a low strike from distance.

But it was a disappointing

opening period.
After the break, Blues looked to increase the tempo.

Mildenhall parried away after McLaughlin had wriggled

COX SPOT ON AGAIN

clear, while Rvan Leonard fired the wrong side of an upright.

Ben Coker was next to try his

luck, but Mildenhall comfortably dealt with his low drive.

Rovers responded. Oxley produced a fingertip save to keep out Matty Taylor's swirling effort. But from the resulting flag-kick the visitors took the lead. Peter Hartley arrived unmarked to head Chris Lines's pinpoint delivery past Oxley.

James Clarke cleared after Cox had fashioned an opening for Blues substitute Jermaine McGlashan as the home side looked for a way back.

Meanwhile, Lines wasn't far from doubling the visitors' lead with an attempt that drifted agonisingly wide

But with little under 10 min-utes remaining, Harrison was adjudged to have handled Jack Bridge's centre and Cox stepped up to send Mildenhall the wrong way from the resulting spot-kick.

Stuart Sinclair and Lines had efforts blocked as Rovers went in search of a late winner, while at the other end, Cox's acrobatattempt

Mildenhall's midriff.

Rovers almost nicked it in the final seconds. Ollie Clarke firing over from close range after a melee in the Blues box.

When asked if he was disappointed with picking up only a point, Blues boss Brown said: To a certain extent, but at the same time, no, we could have lost it at the end.

"It's a learning curve for everybody. The young lads have gone on there and they've grown up to a certain extent, certainly Jack Bridge. They've got to understand that these games are tight.

"They are a building block process for me so that over the next eight to ten days I can get the rest of my stock in.

"When you go 1-0 down at home, it's doom and gloom for one or two supporters. They need to stay behind the team. If I make a wrong decision, come after me.

"A harsh penalty, but the lad has put his hands up in a position to block the ball. Our players thought it was a definite penalty."

"It's becoming more and more difficult to win at home, but once we start winning at Roots Hall,

then I think things will take off." Angry Rovers manager Darrell Clarke said: "We are off the back

of a really, really bad refereeing decision. "I've watched it back. He [the referee] says that Ellis's hands are above his head. They are

nowhere near above his head. The lad is a yard away."

Southend United are next in Sky Bet League One action on Saturday, August 27 when

Fleetwood Town are the visitors Fleetwood Iown are the visitors to Roots Hall Stadium (3pm). Southend United: Mark Oxley, Ben Coker, Adam Thompson, Adam Barrett (Capt), Luke O'Nell (Jermaine McGlashan 64'), David Mooney (Jack Bridge 66'), Simon Cox (yellow), Stephen McLaughlin (yellow), Adam King (yellow), Ryan Leonard, Jason Demetriou (Jason Williams 78') Subs not used: John White, Will Atkinson, Jakub Sokolik, Fed Smith (GK) Bristol Rovers): Steve Mildenhall,

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Non-league round-up

Daggers continue the long climb back up

By Brian Jeeves

DAGENHAM and Redbridge moved into second place in the National League following an impressive 3-1 win over Woking at the Kingfield Stadium.

A Craig Robson own-goal, plus strikes from Fejiri Okenabirhie and Jordan Maguire-Drew saw the Daggers race into a 3-0 lead at the break. Former Brentford striker Anthony Edgar pulled one back for the hosts.

Jake Goodman and Simeon Akinola found the net as Braintree Town saw off Aldershot Town 2-0 at Cressing Road. This was the Iron's first win of the campaign and lifts them into 16th place.

East Thurrock United proved to be too hot for Gosport Borough in the National South Division.

Harry Honesty hit a brace, while Joe Ellul, Michael Freiter

and Joe Gardener were also on target in a resounding 5-1 victory for the Rocks.

Concord Rangers picked up a point in a 2-2 draw at Oxford City. Marvin Ekpiteta and Joao Carlos had given the Beach Boys a 2-0 lead, only for former Southend United man Louie Soares (penalty), and Reece Fleet to grab late goals to earn a share of the spoils.

Elsewhere in the South section, Dave Tarpey's second half goals gave Maidenhead United a 1-0 victory over Chelmsford City. Canvey Island were the region's big winners in the Ryman Premier Division. Martin Tuohy bagged a hat-trick, including one from the penalty spot, as the Gulls saw off Leatherhead by three goals to nil at Park Lane. Adeyinka Cole's second half spot-kick earned Grays Athletic a 1-1 draw with Bognor Regis Town. However, there were 3-2 defeats on the road for Billericay Town and Harlow Town at Staines Town and Worthing respectively. Junior Luke and Connor Hubble found the net for the Blues, while Lewis Perkins and a Mario Nobo

(penalty) was not enough for Harlow on the south coast.

In the FA Cup preliminary round, Abs Thompson scored the only goal as AFC Hornchurch won a tense tie with Aveley at Mill Field on Friday night. Saturday's ties saw Brightlingsea Regent grab a late 2-1 win over Great Wakering Rovers. Kris Newby was on target for Rovers, Aaron Condon and Tom Richardson sending the hosts into the first qualifying round. Heybridge Swifts won 4-1 at Royston. Reece Grant (2),

George Cole and Callum Leahy on target for the Swifts. Meanwhile, Witham Town were 3-0 winners over Eton Manor, Scott Kemp (2) and Nathan Koranteng with the goals.

Halstead Town progressed thanks to an entertaining 3-2 win at Thurrock. Crick and Stimson found the net for the Ship Lane outfit, but Cook, O'Hare and Pleace won it for the visitors. Maldon & Tiptree also went through as Sam Newson and Adam Mills earned the Jammers a 2-0 success at Ware. Waltham Forest were also among the goals, seeing off Hoddeson Town by four goals to nil.

Bowers & Pitsea earned a replay at the Len Salmon Stadium after Tom Hines and Aaron Russell helped them to a 2-2 draw at Waltham Abbey. And there will be a replay for

Barking and Stanway Rovers, who drew 0-0.
There were heavy FA Cup defeats for Basildon United and Barkingside. The Bees crashed 8-0 at Cheshunt, while 'Side lost 7-2 at Haringey Borough. Ilford also crashed out of the cup, 2-0 to Felixstowe & Walton United at the Cricklefield Stadium, while Clapton were beaten by the same score by Sporting Bengal United. It's also the end of the Wembley trail for Tower Hamlets, who lost 4-2 at Sawbridgeworth Town.

In the Essex Senior League, Redbridge were 4-1 winners over Haringey & Waltham, while Southend Manor recorded a 2-0 victory over Burnham Ramblers at Southchurch Park Arena. In the only other ESL match, London Bari and Stansted played out a 1-1 draw at the Old Spotted Dog.

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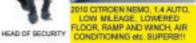


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